

Remarks/Arguments:

Concurrently with the filing of the present Amendment, Applicants are filing a Communication and a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants request that the Communication and the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be considered concurrently with the consideration of this Amendment. The status of this application has been discussed in the concurrently filed Communication.

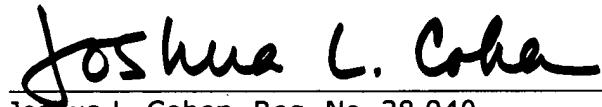
The pending claims are claims 89 and 91-95. By this Amendment, claims 55, 59, 62-65, 88 and 90 have been cancelled for the reasons explained in the concurrently filed Communication. Dependent claims 91-95 have been added. No new matter is introduced therein.

Status of the Claims

The claims pending in this application prior to this Amendment were claims 55, 59, 62-65, 88-90. By this amendment, claims 55, 59, 62-65, 88 and 90 have been cancelled. Applicants note that claims identified as claims 91-92 had been presented during Interference No. 104,192. However, entry of the previously presented claims 91-92 was contingent upon the granting of Applicants' Motion No. 5 in that Interference. Because Applicants' Motion No. 5 was denied, there is no basis for entry of the previously presented claims 91-92 as presented during the Interference. Because the previously presented claims 91-92 have not been entered, Applicants' new claims now begin with a new claim 91 that is different from the previously presented, and non-entered, claim 91.

Applicants respectfully request *ex parte* examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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